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Dr. Marvel on this motion and I'm going to try to site a point that I do not think was brought out in the discussion.

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I think it's a very salient point--namely, we charge tuition to go to the University of Nebraska. This is not a free gratus gift and I think it makes a lot of difference when you have an operation where you're asking people to pay and giving them no voice in that operation. It just so happens that many of the students at UN-O are paying at least half of the cost of their education. It happens that some of the students from out of state are paying more than their total cost of their education. The, I'd like to point out that when we talk about bringing on professors, this is a phoney argument because these are employees and the employees obviously should be under the elected representatives, but I want to stress the fact that these young people are paying their way. If we want to give them full, free education as we do in the K-12 grades, then I'd say they don't deserve any voice or vote on that Board, but as long as we're asking them to pay, I think they should be represented. I don't think that we're going to revolutionize government, we're not going to bring in representatives in K-12 districts. This is free public education and these are children whereas in the Universities, we're talking about adults, young adults who are paying many times at least half of their costs and I think guaranteeing that they get at least one spot on that board is not too much. I would say as an alternative, if we don't want them on the Board then let's give them free public education as Senator Carpenter recommended before the Appropriations Committee. I think Senator Marvel has an excellent point here. I think with the input of the students who are paying, I think you would see better education, you would see more quality education, you would see more quality gotten out of our tax dollars and I would whole-heartedly support Dr. Marvel, the premiere educator in this group.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and fellow Senators, I rise to support the placing of LB 323 on General File. This proposed legislation does not place a student on the Board of Regents, this proposed legislation offers permission to offer a constitutional amendment to the people of the State of Nebraska. Elected members of the Board of Regents serve for six years; presumably this body would decide students would not serve for that length of time. It's interesting to note that no one appeared against this bill at its public hearing. I urge support to place this on General File.

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Proud, then Duis, Snyder, Mahoney, Kelly. Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Mr. President, I think the ladies have come to the Legislature at an appropriate time. This is an interesting thing and even if they were permitted to clap from now on, I'm sure they wcn't clap for what I have to say. Nevertheless, I think it should be understood as all of us do and by the ladies and other guests here that we're not deciding this morning whether to pass this bill. We might defeat it, but we're not deciding whether we're going to pass it. The question here is whether or not we're going to put it on the